

# **JUDGE'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

## **Operational Guidelines**

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### **Preamble**

The Standard of the Breed as adopted by the American Bouvier des Flandres Club and approved by the American Kennel Club is the written description of the ideal conformation of the Bouvier des Flandres breed. It is the only standard of excellence by which the Bouvier des Flandres is to be judged in American Kennel Club shows.

### **Objectives**

The Judge's Education Committee is charged with the responsibility of assisting conformation judges in developing an understanding and an appreciation of the desirable characteristics and attributes of the Bouvier des Flandres breed.

### **Organization**

The Judge's Education Committee is headed by a Chair appointed by the Board of Governors and includes such other members recommended by the Chair and appointed by the Board who may be advantageous for realization of the objectives of the committee.

### **Activities**

- o Coordinate with the Specialty Show Committees a judge's breed study program sponsored by the ABdFC at the Club's Specialty Show each year.
- o Encourage and assist regional clubs to co-sponsor breed study programs at the regional specialty shows.
- o Publicize Bouvier des Flandres study programs and seminars sponsored or cosponsored by ABdFC by such means as notification to the **AKC GAZETTE** and invitations extended by mail and through judges study groups within the geographical area.
- o Maintain a Mentor Program to assist individuals applying to judge the Bouvier des Flandres and to assist in arrangements for Bouvier des Flandres study programs sponsored by or scheduled in cooperation with the ABdFC.
- o Maintain an updated information packet on the Bouvier des Flandres to be used by Mentors and other presenters at breed study programs and seminars and to be distributed to all applying or provisional judges listed in the **AKC GAZETTE**.
- o Assist the Board of Governors and the Standard Committee in communications with AKC judges approved or applying to judge Bouvier des Flandres.

**Reports**

Reports shall be submitted to the Board of Governors and to the membership in accordance with the current General Operational Guidelines for ABdFC Committees and Appointees.

**Budget**

Budgets for support of anticipated Committee activities should be submitted to the Board of Governors in accordance with the current General Operational Guidelines for ABdFC Committees and Appointees. Expenditures not approved by the Board cannot be reimbursed by the Treasurer.